

## EXTRA SPECIAL

Today we received advise that another car of melons is enroute, this means **We Will Have to Hurry** and dispose of those now on hand, so today we begin the greatest melon sale of the season and offer you the finest melons in the city, the kind that are good and give you satisfaction in eating them. Come early and avoid the rush, be one of the first and get the pick of the lot. We guarantee everything we sell and sell all we guarantee.

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### Local Brevities.

Two lumber cargoes were cleared yesterday for San Pedro. The schooner Bangor takes 600,000 feet and a 600,000-foot cargo goes out on the Despatch.

Frederick Foster, aged 28 years, died yesterday at Cathlamet of consumption. He is survived by Mrs. Foster and an infant child. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

The appraisers of the estate of the late Miss Hope Clayton yesterday filed their report with County Clerk Clinton. The report states that the personal property, including money, is valued at \$1762.

Commencing Monday, August 15, and continuing until September 1, the merchants will keep open their respective places of business until 8 p. m., excepting Saturdays, when they will close at the usual hour.

The Commercial Club baseball team is practicing diligently for Sunday's game with the Schiller team, and the best contest of the season is expected. The clubmen are anxious to get all the practice possible, as they must defend the regatta trophy.

Much complaint has been made to city officials against the practice of transfer companies in leaving wagons on the streets. One of the complainants stated yesterday that he counted 17 wagons in two blocks on Duane street last Sunday. City Attorney Smith yesterday notified the police to arrest all persons who leave wagons standing in public places, and added that such persons would be prosecuted.

Some difficulty has resulted since Ferguson & Houston commenced work on the new city hall. It appears that the original plans provided for four steel cells and one padded cell for the jail, but the contractors say Architect Schacht informed them that the cells would be omitted. The cells will cost \$3200. The matter will be laid before the council at its meeting Monday night.

Late yesterday afternoon it was reported that a new run of hatchery fish was coming into the river. The fish made their appearance in the lower harbor earlier in the day and some of the fishermen who drifted near the

bar made good hauls in a single drift. The fish have not yet reached the upper river, but it is expected good catches will be made today by all classes of gear. The receipts of salmon yesterday were light.

Lieutenant Joseph H. Earle, engineer corps, U. S. A., has been ordered to proceed to the engineer school at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. He fills the place made vacant by the death of Lieutenant Bowers, who was killed by lightning some time ago. Lieutenant Bowers was shortly to have married Miss Nickerson. Lieutenant Earle is a brother of Quarantine Officer Earle, of this city.

Suit has been filed in the circuit court by the Hermosa Park Investment Company against the Seaside Spruce Lumber Company to recover \$2500, with interest from January 9, 1904, and \$250 attorney's fees. The suit is brought to recover on two notes. Yesterday an attachment was placed on the mill at Seaside and the mill did not start up in consequence.

The work of installing the retaining wall around the small reservoir is going forward satisfactorily. The city engineering department has a force of surveyors at work establishing the grade of the street and determining the extent to which the excavation must be made. The reservoir lot is to be beautified and the spot will be an attractive one when the work is completed.

Gustave Milde, an employee of the Astoria Lumber Company, was badly injured at the West Astoria mill yesterday afternoon. Milde had neglected to oil a pulley during the noon hour, and undertook to do so after the mill had started up in the afternoon. His clothing was caught in the gearing and before the machinery could be stopped he was terribly mangled about the body, legs and arm. Milde is now at St. Mary's hospital, under the care of Dr. Fulton, who expresses the belief that the man will recover. Milde came to Astoria on the German ship Alsterrike about a year ago.

The Telegram says: Mrs. C. L. Houston, of Astoria, the queen for the coming regatta, who is in Portland to select her robes, will remain until Saturday. Mrs. Houston will be known as Queen Helen I, and her chief maid of honor will probably be the queen of last year, Frances I. Mrs. Houston said today that extensive preparations

were being made for the regatta, which will be one of the most elaborate entertainments ever given in Astoria. There will be over 25 attendants and her little daughter, Princess Virginia, will carry the crown, at the coronation ball. The queen's committee consists of Mrs. W. O. Wilkinson, Mrs. H. F. Prael and Mrs. C. W. Fulton. Mrs. Houston has not yet selected her gown for the festivities, but it will probably be white satin.

The bill at Hedrick's is attracting large crowds nightly and the show is pronounced by all to be superb. The Fishers continue to be the main attraction and are well received in their difficult acrobatic work. Manager Hedrick announces that he will have a bill for next week that will be the best ever seen in the city. He has engaged the very best performers to be secured on the Lang circuit and will give a show the like of which has never before been seen in a 10-cent playhouse. The program will appear later.

Sam Schmidt yesterday tendered his resignation as chief of ordinance of the army of the Astoria 10th annual regatta. In resigning Mr. Schmidt explains that he will be compelled to make a trip to San Francisco during regatta week, and therefore will be unable to serve. Peter Grant has been appointed by Lieutenant-General Fulton to fill the vacancy. Mr. Grant, like all of the other staff officers, has a long military record, having once went hunting when a boy and discharged a target rifle. He has accepted the appointment.

M. F. Hardesty has been elected captain of the Commercial Club bowling team and will at once get the bowlers together for practice. The local clubmen have not been bowling for three or four months and Multnomah is apt to carry off the Feldenheimer trophy unless they get in shape. If the team bowls its game Multnomah would not stand very much chance. The contest for the regatta trophy is to be bowled on Thursday night and that for the Feldenheimer trophy on the following night. The Commercial Club team has not yet been announced.

Invitations are out for the big dance given by Herman Wise, the reliable clothier and hatter, to his customers. On the same evening, August 23, it will be decided which of Mr. Wise's customers shall go free to the world's fair at St. Louis; numbers with each \$10 sale. All of Mr. Wise's customers who are entitled to numbers and have not received the same will please call at once. Tickets to the dance are not transferable. Only bona fide customers of Herman Wise are invited; others not welcome and will not be admitted to the hall.

Mayor Surprenant yesterday offered an excellent suggestion to the regatta committee. The mayor wants the committee to arrange for a tug-of-war between the steamers Melville and Lottie. It is his idea that an event of the kind, to be pulled off in front of the grandstand, would be of very great interest. There is much rivalry between the crews of the two boats as to which steamer is the speediest, and the mayor believes it would be a rattling good scheme to determine the matter in a tug-of-war. The committee will consider the suggestion.

Rev. Rydquist, of the First Lutheran church, who recently came to this city, formed a chorus of about 15 voices last night at his home in East Astoria. In the chorus are several well trained male and female voices. The singers were entertained socially during the evening. Rev. Edlund, who was pastor of the East Astoria congregation some years ago, but who is now a resident of Los Angeles, was present last evening. Mr. Edlund has been taking part in the Columbia conference, which was held last week at Mount Vernon, Wash. He is visiting with friends in this city and will preach tomorrow at the First Lutheran church.

Chairman McBride, of the regatta committee, returned yesterday from Portland. He states that Admiral Campbell is getting his business affairs in shape so that he will be able to devote his entire attention to the carnival. While in Portland Mr. McBride talked with Lamberson, one of the Portland oarsmen. Lamberson recently defeated DuPresse, of Victoria, at the Portland regatta. After the race the two men shook hands over a proposition to quit rowing. DuPresse was invited to take part in the Astoria regatta, but wrote that he could not well do so unless Lamberson would agree. Lamberson made an indecisive reply, but the chairman of the committee believes he will enter this year.

The school board has elected Miss Mary Adams and Mrs. W. J. Barry as teachers. Miss Adams has been as-

signed to a room at the Adair school and Mrs. Barry will fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Maud Bayles. Miss Lucy Morton has been assigned to the fourth grade at the Olney school, while Miss Sinnott has been transferred to Shively school, to take the place made vacant by the resignation of Miss Alice Gray. The board has decided to add a new room to the Adair school, and also to conduct school for a full 10 months. The term will begin September 26, repairs now under way making it impossible to begin school at an earlier date. The board considered the question of salaries and decided upon a general increase. It was found by comparison that Astoria educators were paid less than those at other coast cities and the advance was agreed upon.

The regatta ball this year promises to be one of the most elaborate features of the regatta, and far ahead of others that have heretofore been given. The music will be furnished by Brown's band, of Portland. Astorians are all familiar with the music this band affords and Mr. Brown has promised to give lovers of music something that they will appreciate. The decorations are to be entirely new and more extensive than at any previous regatta ball, and seating accommodations will be provided for all who care to witness the coronation. The coronation will be one of the principal features of the ball, and preparations are being made to make it one of the most beautiful and impressive incidents of the regatta. The arrangements are in charge of Charles Wright.

A party of distinguished men arrived down yesterday from Portland and spent the afternoon in a jaunt over the lower harbor. In the party were General Manager Calvin, of the Hariman lines; United States Senator John H. Mitchell, Major Langfitt, George Taylor, of Portland; Captain Freis, U. S. A., assistant to Major Langfitt; A. L. Mills, W. B. Ayer and Charles Sweigert, president of the port of Portland commission. The visitors arrived on the noon train and at once boarded the tug Mendell. They were taken aboard the bar dredge Chinook, which made a trip out to sea with them and showed them the manner in which the bar dredging is being carried on. Then the Mendell took the party to Fort Stevens. Superintendent Hegardt had a special train in waiting and the visitors were taken out to the end of the jetty. They returned to the city in time for dinner, and left for Portland on the night train. Governor Chamberlain, Senator Fulton and other prominent men had been invited to make the trip, but the governor could not get away, as Governor Pardee, of California, is in Oregon, while Senator Fulton was kept at home because of a rush of business. The visitors spent a delightful and instructive afternoon.

#### PERSONAL MENTION.

J. C. Roberts, of Portland, is in the city.

Otto Mikkelsen was in Portland yesterday.

Alfred R. Kelly, of San Francisco, is in the city.

J. Bruce Polworth was down yesterday from Cathlamet.

Mrs. J. G. Megier, of Brookfield, is visiting in the city.

Mrs. J. H. Cook, of Portland, is visiting friends in Astoria.

T. S. Barr, the Grays River merchant, is in the city.

W. R. Mackenzie, of Portland, was in town yesterday on business.

W. W. Hoagland of San Francisco was at the Occident yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Stebbins, of Portland, are visiting in Astoria.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Barker spent yesterday in Astoria with friends.

C. F. Butterfield of Portland was in town yesterday, a guest at the Occident.

J. W. Casey, a well known Portland railroad man, was in the city yesterday.

J. D. Coleman, of Portland, was among the passengers down on last night's train.

W. O. Donelson and J. W. Humphreys, of Hillsboro, Ore., are in the city, guests at the Occident.

W. S. Zimmerman of Portland came down yesterday to look after business matters among the lumber camps.

B. C. Lamb, a well known resident of Tillamook, arrived from Portland last night en route to his home.

F. G. Kelley of Knappa was at the Occident yesterday looking after business connected with the Kelley Bros. logging camps.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Gouldstone, H. Gouldstone and Mrs. H. S. Young, of Portland, spent a few hours in Astoria yesterday.

Dr. C. A. Cordiner, of San Francisco, is visiting in Astoria. Dr. Cordiner is just recovering from an attack of typhoid fever.

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